

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: By Chairman Mike Milburn, on March 13, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Milburn, Chairman (R)
Rep. Robyn Driscoll, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker (D)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Douglas Cordier (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Rick Jore (C)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Roger Koopman (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. John Ward (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary
Doug Sternberg, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 112, 3/8/2007; SB 126, 3/8/2007;
SB 166, 3/8/2007
Executive Action: SB 126

HEARING ON SB 126

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:30 Sen. Steven Gallus (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 126, Eliminate termination of future fisheries/bull trout/cutthroat programs, funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:36 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife & Parks
[EXHIBIT\(fih53a01\)](#)
00:05:59 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited
00:07:14 Bob Gilbert, Executive Director, Walleyes of America
00:07:42 Robert Throssell, representing Montana Wildlife Federation
00:08:08 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association
00:08:40 Molly Immen, Montana Audubon

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:27 Rep. Peterson
00:11:41 Rep. Jore
00:13:01 Chairman Milburn
00:14:53 Rep. Koopman

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:02 Sen. Steven Gallus

HEARING ON SB 112

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:18:31 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 112, Certain free hunting/fishing privileges for resident purple heart recipients.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:14 Trapper Badovinac, speaking for Lewis & Clark
Expeditions

EXHIBIT(fih53a02)

00:25:35 Col. Jim Jacobsen, U.S. Army (Ret.)Legislative Chair,
American Legion

00:26:11 Robert Throssell, representing Montana Wildlife
Federation

00:26:38 John Mundinger, Helena resident, previous Fish,
Wildlife & Parks employee

00:29:17 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT(fih53a03)

00:30:28 Robin Cunnhingham, Fishing Outfitters Association

00:30:59 Sen. Tropila, SD 13

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:30 Rep. Becker

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:51 Sen. Dave Lewis

00:34:01 Rep. Cordier left the hearing

HEARING ON SB 166

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:33 Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila (D), SD 13, opened the
hearing on SB 166, Family and purple heart recipients
fish and hunt game birds for free.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:35:41 Hal Harper, speaking for Governor Schweitzer and the
Governor's Office

00:37:11 Jeff Hagener, Director, Fish, Wildlife & Parks

EXHIBIT(fih53a04)

00:37:45 Trapper Badovinac

00:39:31 Col. Jim Jacobsen, U.S. Army (Ret.)Legislative Chair,
American Legion

00:39:43 John Mundinger, Helena resident and veteran

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:47 Rep. Peterson

00:43:08 Rep. Hilbert

00:43:47 Rep. Driscoll

00:45:22 Rep. Becker

00:47:26 Rep. Vincent

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:23 Sen. Joseph (Joe) Tropila

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 126

00:49:37 **Motion:** Rep. Hendrick moved that **SB 126 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:49:48 Chairman Milburn

00:50:13 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Reps. Dutton, Barrett, Ward, Cordier, Groesbeck and Phillips voting by proxy. Rep. Van Dyk will carry SB 126.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

REP. MIKE MILBURN, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([fih53aad.pdf](#))